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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Q. Liu *et al.*

Application No.: 09/990,186

Filed: November 20, 2001

For: POSITION DEPENDENT RECOGNITION  
OF GNN NUCLEOTIDE TRIPLETS BY  
ZINC FINGERS

Examiner: D.B. Johannsen

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 1799

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 having a shortened statutory deadline for response of February 4, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

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**Amendments to the claim** are reflected in the listing of the claim which begins on page 3 of this paper

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